

Philadelphia Hose Company No. 1
Seventh and Filbert Streets
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1460

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
PHILADELPHIA HOSE COMPANY No. 1		PA-1460
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
33 N. Seventh St., at SE corner Filbert St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1849-50.		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
Established in 1803, the hose company was the first of its kind in the nation. In 1857, following its change to a regular fire company, the company was the first to use a steam fire engine in the nation.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Front wall: brownstone with light-colored quoins. Side wall: brick in modified common bond. The foundation was probably of stone, since a stonecourse showed above (con't. on page 2)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Measured approx. 15' (two-bay front) X 58'; three stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
The original front apparatus door was replaced by a storefront. The old door was an interesting "frontispiece"-- framed by two boxy pilasters with unusual capitals and topped by a simple entablature. A symbolic hose and a number "1" on top of the entablature was used as a crest. The doors were double with two panels per door. Each panel contained (con't. on page 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
Tin ceiling on first floor, plaster on second. Wood ceiling on stairway.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Demolished 1965.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION	DATE	
A. Craig Morrison, HABS, July 16, 1965; Susan McCown, HABS editor May 16, 1984		

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (continued on page 2):

sidewalk line. The structural system was probably of bearing wall and wood joists.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from page 1):

a decorative pattern. The door frames were secured by "pegs". The side (north) wall contained two first floor doors, both simple in appearance. The front double windows, on second and third floors, were framed with brownstone members-- pilasters, lintels, and sills with consoles. The sash of the same windows were replacements. The side windows had common 6/6 wood sash. Shutter hinges were on the first floor side windows. The cornice on the storefront was not original. The original main cornice was replaced with sheet metal, which was painted to simulate weathered bronze.